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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

11 Kobe Bryant,
12 Plaintiff,
13 vs.
14 Goldin Auctions, LLC; and DOES 1
15 through 25, inclusive,
16 Defendant.
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Case No.

**DECLARATION OF KOBE BRYANT
IN SUPPORT OF *EX PARTE*
APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER AND ORDER
TO SHOW CAUSE RE
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AND
APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER**

ELECTRONICALLY FILED
Superior Court of California,
County of Orange

05/06/2013 at 11:47:00 AM

Clerk of the Superior Court
By Heather Mitchell, Deputy Clerk

DECLARATION OF KOBE BRYANT

I, KOBE BRYANT, declare as follows:

1. I am an individual residing in Newport Coast, Orange County, California. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Declaration and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently to those facts under oath.

2. I am a professional basketball player for the Los Angeles Lakers. Since I was selected in the first round of the 1996 National Basketball Association ("NBA") draft I have earned numerous accolades including, among many other things, 5 NBA championships, 2 NBA Finals Most Valuable Player awards, an NBA Most Valuable Player award, two NBA scoring titles, and I have been selected to the NBA All-Star team 15 times. I am also the NBA's fourth all-time scoring leader.

3. I do not own any real property in New Jersey, and do not conduct business in the state of New Jersey. My only contacts with New Jersey relate to the approximately once-a-year trips to New Jersey that I made with the Lakers when the Lakers played against the former New Jersey Nets (now the Brooklyn Nets). The last time I was in New Jersey was for an away game on December 12, 2010, during the 2010-2011 NBA season.

4. On April 30, 2013, Defendant Goldin Auctions, LLC ("Goldin" or "Defendant") issued a press release (the "April 30 Press Release") announcing that in June 2013, it intends to auction "The Kobe Bryant Collection," consisting of "100+ unique items from Kobe Bryant's childhood, high school career and entry into the NBA including championship rings and high school game worn uniforms." The April 30 Press Release, and all other advertisements, solicitations and promotions concerning the "The Kobe Bryant Collection," were and are wholly unauthorized by me.

5. Upon learning of the auction, I immediately directed my attorneys to send a cease and desist notice to Goldin, demanding that they return my personal property and cease further advertising of the auction.

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a list of items that Goldin claims were certified by my mother, Pamela Bryant. I am informed that this list was provided to my

1 counsel on May 2, 2013. With the exception of items 4 and 5, which are NBA
2 Championship rings that I had custom-made for my parents, all of the listed items are my
3 personal property.

4 7. I also note that certain items listed for auction by Goldin in Exhibit "A",
5 including, without limitation, item 52 (Teen Choice Award Surfboard) was last seen by me
6 in my personal residence. I do not know how my mother or Goldin obtained possession of
7 this award, but it was without my permission.

8 8. I have also reviewed the press release attached as Exhibit "C" to the Verified
9 Complaint filed by Goldin in the United States District Court for the District of New
10 Jersey. A true and correct copy of that press release is attached hereto as Exhibit "B". The
11 press release shows a photograph of one of my trophies which was last seen by me in my
12 personal residence. I do not know how my mother or Goldin obtained possession of this
13 trophy, but it was without my permission.

14 9. I never told my mother that she could have my personal property, let alone
15 consign it for sale by public auction. In fact, several years ago, while visiting my parents'
16 home in Philadelphia, my wife and I specifically requested that my mother return the
17 property to me so that I may give it to my own children. My mother never returned those
18 items to me.

19 10. On May 2, 2013, my mother called me on my cell phone. I confronted her
20 about her false statement that I had given my memorabilia to her. I said to her "Mom, you
21 know I never told you that you could have the memorabilia." Her response was "yes, but
22 you never said you wanted it either." Of course, this is untrue since my wife and I
23 requested that she return my memorabilia several years earlier.

24 11. The items listed for sale by Goldin as part of "The Kobe Bryant Collection"
25 have tremendous sentimental value for me and I desire to hand down my well-earned
26 memorabilia to my children. No amount of money can compensate me for the loss of my

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1 unique, irreplaceable personal property, gathered over a decades-long basketball career.

2 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
3 foregoing is true and correct.

4 Executed this 5th day of May, 2013, at Newport Coast, California.

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